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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PPDC, TS

SUBJECT: NOUIRA VISIT: LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

1. WHITE HOUSE HAS NOW CONFIRMED THAT SEVERAL STATE VISITORS, AMONG THEM PRIME MINISTER NOUIRA, WILL HAVE TO BE RESCHEDULED BECAUSE OF PRESSURE ON THE PRESIDENT'S TIME. A PRESIDENTIAL LETTER NOTING NECESSITY OF POSTPONING VISIT HAS BEEN PREPARED, WHICH YOU SHOULD DELIVER AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

2. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

IN REVIEWING MY SCHEDULE FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, IT HAS BECOME APPARENT THAT THE DEMANDS ON MY TIME WILL BE GREATER THAN ANTICIPATED. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN THE FIELD OF DOMESTIC POLICY, WHERE CERTAIN CRITICAL LEGISLATION WILL REQUIRE MY PERSONAL ATTENTION OVER THE

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NEXT FEW MONTHS.

IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, I HAVE RELUCTANTLY CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO RESCHEDULE OUR MEETING TO A

SOMEWHAT LATER TIME RATHER THAN RISK GIVING OUR TALKS LESS THAN THE FULL ATTENTION WHICH THEY DESERVE. I HOPE

YOU WILL UNDERSTAND MY DECISION AND THAT YOUR OWN  
SCHEDULE WILL PERMIT US TO MEET AT A LATER TIME THAN I  
HAD ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED.

OUR RELATIONS WITH TUNISIA ARE HIGHLY VALUED BY OUR  
GOVERNMENT, AND WE APPRECIATE THE FRIENDSHIP YOU HAVE  
DEMONSTRATED TOWARD OUR COUNTRY THROUGHOUT YOUR TIME IN  
OFFICE. YOU ENJOY GREAT RESPECT IN THE UNITED STATES FOR  
YOUR WISE AND COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP. I REALIZE THE  
BURDENS OF YOUR OFFICE HAVE BEEN HEAVY RECENTLY, AND I  
WISH YOU SUCCESS IN RESOLVING THE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS YOU  
CONFRONT. I LOOK FORWARD WITH ANTICIPATION TO MEETING  
WITH YOU LATER THIS YEAR. I HOPE THE DELAY I HAVE  
SUGGESTED DOES NOT CAUSE YOU ANY INCONVENIENCE.  
SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END TEXT.

3. ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED TO POST. VANCE

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